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1889 "Safe as the Safest" 1911

## BLUES PREPARING FOR CELEBRATION

Many Informal Speeches Will Be Made at Supper by Prominent Men.

Among the speakers at the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary celebration of the formation of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion will be Governor William Hodges Mann, former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, Representative John Lamb, Adjutant-General William Wilson Sale, Judge John H. Ingram and Captain Harlee, of the United States Marine Corps.

The anniversary celebration on Wednesday night of this week will take the form of a stag supper, in the drill hall of the Blues' Armory. On previous occasions there have been dances or all-day outings, but a majority of the men voted for a supper at this time.

It is hoped that representatives of the Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut will be present, although just how many is not known. There will not come as a command, but informally.

In fact, the entire affair will be marked by informality. Active members of the battalion and of the Blues' Association, with Aldermen and City Councilmen, and some officers of other commands of the Virginia Volunteers, will be present.

There will be no set speeches on the program, but the above named guests will be asked each to have something to say. Captain Clarence Wyatt, president of the Blues' Association, will preside.

Mr. Poe Hunt by Fall.

While in New Orleans attending the annual meeting of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers, George W. Poe, auditor of passenger Association, with Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, had the misfortune to slip on the wet pavement last Sunday, sustaining painful injury to his hip. He has recovered sufficiently to return home, having reached here yesterday morning, and it is expected that he will be entirely well and out again in a few days.

## MANY CITIZENS PAY POLL TAX

At Expiration of Time Limit, 10,405 Richmonders Had Complied With Law.

Up to the close of business yesterday at the office of City Treasurer James B. Pace, a total of 10,405 citizens had paid their capitation taxes for the year 1910. The time has now expired in which any taxes can be paid in Virginia which will entitle one to vote in next November's election.

The total indicated does not include Washington Ward, where there is a deputy treasurer's office.

This showing compares very favorably with the results of recent years, indicating a growing interest in the rights and privileges of the suffrage. For several days before the last opportunity was given there was quite a rush on the part of those desiring to qualify.

This does not mean, however, that 10,405 persons can vote in the wards north of the river. A good many of the poll taxes were paid by negroes who cannot register, or by men who have not been in the city or State long enough to have acquired a legal residence, and in some cases they have been paid by men who have since died, or by the estates of men who were assessed with this tax a year ago, while they were living. On the other hand, there is to be added to the list some hundreds of veterans of the War Between the States, who have not the means to pay the poll tax, and who may vote without doing so. They are the only exemptions from the operation of the law. They may have fought on either side as soldiers or sailors.

It is believed that a large vote will be cast in Richmond in the coming Democratic primary.

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## HILL'S SHORTAGE GROWING LARGER

Now Believed to Have Taken All Available Assets of Reformers' Bank.

It is now practically certain, according to statements made by a negro publication in this city, that the defalcation of Reuben T. Hill, the missing former cashier of the True Reformers' Bank, will reach \$50,000. The amount alleged to have been taken by Agnes T. Reese, the bookkeeper, who is also under indictment, is said to approximate \$2,500.

The methods adopted to secure this money, according to report, were unique. The exact facts are not known, nor will they be until the report of the receivers is filed. This report has been expected for months past, for the receivers were appointed more than six months ago.

Hill would give a check, for instance, for \$47. This would be presented and paid. Agnes Reese, the bookkeeper, in carrying the check to Hill's account, would enter it for only \$17, leaving on the figure 6. This would give Hill \$300. The bank was the loser.

Got Credit Also.

He is said to have made this scheme work both ways. If he deposited \$100, the bookkeeper would credit him with \$700. Anticipating the meeting of the Grand Jurors of the True Reformers, it is charged that the books were doctored for two years back, so that the shortage might not be discovered. In the column of hundreds, referring to Hill's deposits, the ones were made several in every instance, adding \$699 for each entry.

When State Bank Examiner Barkdale entered the bank last October he is said to have first made a demand for the cash in hand. It was found that this amounted to only about \$3,000, and this, with the sum to the credit of the bank in New York and in other banks of this city, made the resources only about \$5,000, when they should have been \$26,000.

Hill seems to have taken all the available assets of the bank, and is said to have left his family with just \$12. Since his departure, his hands-on home on Leigh Street has been sold under a deed of trust, bringing \$7,500 at auction. Many secret and benevolent societies among the colored people have been organized since Hill's departure. The True Reformers' Bank, for Hill was generally trusted. Few negroes in the world were better known and more generally respected, and for this reason it is believed that he will eventually be caught.

However, it would appear that the ridiculous inadequacy of the law governing State bank examinations, by its commands of secrecy and of unnecessary notice to an involved bank, have enabled Hill to make his escape, but have added to the misery of the depositors in the defunct banking institution.

### Church Escaped.

The first African Baptist Church, it is stated, got its money out of the hands of some of Hill's friends. The cashier was treasurer of the church, as he was an officer in very many leading negro organizations. He is said to have had \$1,100 of the bank's money in his possession. On an appeal to his friends, they indorsed a note for the amount, which was discounted at a white people's bank in this city. The church got its money, but the indorsers lost, for when the note matured it was found to be worthless.

J. Thomas Newkome has been appointed general counsel of the order, and is trying to straighten out the tangle of years. He has already brought suit against three colored officers of the True Reformers' Bank, for the recovery of the money. He has also brought suit against the True Reformers' Bank, for the recovery of the money. He has also brought suit against the True Reformers' Bank, for the recovery of the money.

## WILSON STILL MISSING

Reapers for a Few Moments, and Nothing Further Has Been Heard of Him.

J. L. Wilson, the Baltimore salesman, employed by the Smith Premier Typewriter Company, who disappeared from Richmond on Friday, it would seem, however, that he is still in Richmond, for yesterday morning he called upon E. J. Sullivan, manager of the American Writing Machine Company, at 405 East Main Street, and told him that he was without funds and had had nothing to eat for four days. Under the pretense of getting him some money, Mr. Sullivan went to telephone to H. E. Gordon, manager of the local branch of the typewriter concern, in the city aiding in the search for his friend. He says that Wilson is married, and is in no trouble. It is thought that the man is suffering from temporary aberration of the mind.

### UNVEIL TABLET

Mr. Ellyson Will Deliver an Address.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson has accepted an invitation to make an address at the unveiling of a tablet at Montross, Westmoreland county, on Tuesday of this week. The tablet is designed to commemorate the writing of what is known as the "Westmoreland Resolutions," by Richard Henry Lee, on February 2, 1776. This was the first Declaration of Independence. The resolutions were drawn at Leesylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellyson will leave for Montross to-morrow, returning Wednesday night.

## VERDICT FOR JONES

Man Ejected From Street Car Given \$300 by Jury.

Damages to the amount of \$300 were awarded Frank P. Jones in his suit against the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which was included in the City Circuit Court yesterday. The jury found for the plaintiff, awarding him \$300, plus costs, for the injury to his car and that in an argument over the payment of his fare he was struck in the face by the conductor.

Jones was put off the car at the corner of Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets. He claimed that he was injured by the conductor's act of acting within his rights. Mr. Jones presented his side of the case yesterday morning, exhibiting a much battered countenance as evidence that he was roughly handled.

Counsel for the company moved that the verdict be set aside, but the motion was overruled. Time was allowed to prepare a bill of exceptions.

### Southern Railway Earnings.

Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway for the fourth week in April were \$1,000,000, as compared with the corresponding week last year.

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## REGISTER VOTERS FOR PRIMARIES

Books Will Be Opened Everywhere in State on May 16.

Registration books for every precinct in the city and State will be opened on May 16, from sunrise to sunset, at some place to be selected and publicly advertised by the registrars. Notices will be posted by these officials.

The date of the third Tuesday in May is selected by law as a registration day in anticipation of the spring elections in cities, but no such election is to be held in Richmond this year. However, a great many citizens are looking after this matter so as to be qualified to vote in the primary elections to be held this year.

Applicants may be registered at any time other than the appointed day, but they must then await the convenience of the registrars—that is, they must wait until the registrars are able to wait for them. But on the third Tuesday in June, and again thirty days in advance of the regular November election, the registrars must sit at some designated place to record the names of voters.

In Richmond, as is always the case, there will be a great many transfers caused by removals from one ward to another, and from one precinct to another. The City Democratic Committee usually urges that such matters be referred to it, to make sure that they are attended to.

## WOMAN DISAPPEARS

Mrs. Elizabeth Broadnax Absent Ten Days From Home.

Alarmed over her disappearance ten days ago, relatives of Mrs. Elizabeth Broadnax, wife of R. W. Broadnax, of Richmond, yesterday called the police department to their aid in search of the missing woman. They did not report the matter earlier because they had hoped to find Mrs. Broadnax unaided and thus prevent notoriety.

Mrs. Broadnax is forty-eight years old. Her husband is a member of Dr. J. W. Broadnax, coroner for South Richmond. At the time of her disappearance, she was dressed in a black gown, and it is believed that she had little money. Grief over the death of a son two years ago is thought to have impaired her mind, and the worst is feared.

### Fishing Club Organized.

A charter was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the Rutland Fishing and Boating Club, Inc., of Richmond. Conway H. Gordon, president; J. P. Bradley, vice-president; and C. E. Garrett, secretary and treasurer. Its object is to operate a fishing and boating club. The maximum capital stock is \$10,000 and the minimum \$1,000.

## Mr. Hunter Gets Real Swell Notice

Bank Examiner Breaks Into First Page Society Without Using a Jiminy.

Assistant State Bank Examiner Charles H. Hunter has had an experience. He has reached the stage of front page headlines in the discharge of his official duties.

As a piece of descriptive writing, an article on this trip of Mr. Hunter, appearing in the Richmond Dispatch, is a paper, probably surpasses anything the examiner ever encountered, and is such that embellishment is impossible. The story of the thrilling adventure is as follows:

"On Tuesday morning, while Director D. J. Chavers sat in the ladies' room at the Mechanics' Savings Bank, on the northwest corner of Third and Clay Streets, a white gentleman, looked through the plate glass window and motioned to him that he wished to enter. He put up his book where he could read it, showing his authority. As the director had entered from the rear, and had no key to the front door, he could not open it.

"Just at this moment John Mitchell, Jr., came up, it being about twenty minutes to a o'clock, and seeing the white gentleman, invited him to walk in. He entered.

"I am the State Bank Examiner," he said.

"Make yourself at home," was the remark.

"Are you the cashier?" he asked.

"Unfortunately, I am the president," was the laughing reply. "The cashier will be here in a few minutes."

"Mr. Hunter was amused by the remark. President Mitchell showed him the various departments, carried him to

## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Charles Nash Sings Throat While Being Treated in City Hospital.

While he was being treated in the City Hospital by Dr. Tume, one of the ambulance surgeons, Charles Nash, forty-one years old, yesterday afternoon made repeated attempts to commit suicide, once by slashing himself across the throat. The last attempt was almost successful, the physician and others in the hospital ward knocking the knife from his hand just in time.

Nash was taken ill while viewing the baseball game. He was attacked by a kind of spasm, was hurried to the City Hospital for treatment. There he became wild, and it was with only the greatest difficulty that he was restrained. He jumped from the bed, attempted to leap out of a window, and finally had recourse to a pocketknife to end his life. The wound later taken to the City Jail.

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